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Docket No.: M-7194-2P US

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Applicants: John P. Proctor and Robert C. deKieffer  
Assignee: John P. Proctor  
Title: Duct Joining System  
Serial No.: 09/753,122  
Examiner: Dunwoody, A.  
Docket No.: M-7194-2P US

Filed: December 29, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 3629

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Office Action (12 pages);
- (4) Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);
- (5) Request to Amend Drawings Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (1 page); and
- (6) Red-lined drawings (3 sheets) consisting of Figs. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8.

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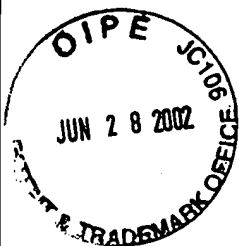
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action with a mailing date of February 28, 2002 in this case. Please enter the following amendments before taking action on the merits of this response. The proposed drawing corrections are also being sent in a letter to the Official Draftsperson. A one-month extension of time accompanies this Response, allowing the Applicants until June 28, 2002 to respond.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 12, with the following replacement paragraph.

As shown in Fig. 5, duct joining system 50 includes a band clamp 54 that is used to hold flexible duct 52 securely on fitting 60 once flexible duct 52 is slipped over fitting 60. In another embodiment, band clamp 54 is not used with duct joining system 50. The resistance

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